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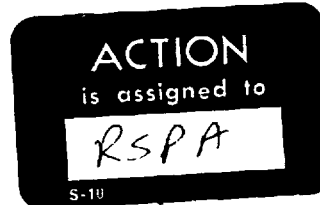
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Dear Sir,

As a member of the State F.M.B.A. Safety and Health Committee I would like to bring to your attention a situation which has been inadvertently overlooked by your agency, which is the placarding of Non-Aeromatic Propane and Hydrocarbons.

Presently Non-Aeromatic and Aeromatic Propane is placarded the same way while in transit and in storage, the problem arises when Non-Aeromatic Propane leaks or spills. Emergency Response Personnel are unaware of a leak or spillage because there is not a detectable odor which might alert these persons of the Hazardous Condition Present.

We are seeking the cooperation and implementation of your agency in the modification of a placarding requirement so that Emergency Response Personnel will be made aware of this type of Hazard. We are suggesting that the vessels containing this material which are already required to be placarded have the phrase "NON-AEROMATIC" added either above or below the word "PROPANE"

This requirement would prevent additional Life Threatening Hazards from occurring.

Respectfully,

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